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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT IN NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED THAT FOLLOWING GON COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REVISION OFU.S. CUSTOMS REGULATIONS RELATING TO COUNTERVAILING DUTIES BE TRANSMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE USG AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT COMMENTS SHOULD BE RECEIVED VEFORE DECEMBER 17, 1976.

"REFERENCEIS DRAWN TO THE PROPOSED RULES AS CONTAINED IN FEDERAL REGISTER OF 21 SEPTEMBER 1976.

"THE PROPOSED RULES GIVE REASON FOR CONCERN. THE AMENDMENTS, IN PARTICULAR THE STIPULATION THAT DECISIONS BY THE TREASURY MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN A FIXED PERIOD OF TIME, ARE CONSIDERED A TIGHTENING OF THE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS. THEY MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT THEEXCHANGE OF GOODS BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE UNITED STATES. IT IS ALSO FELT THAT THE PROPOSED CHANGES MIGHT PREJUDICE THE MILTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDER WAY WITHIN GATT.

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